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Her Majesty Royal Queen Beatrix of the Kingdom of the Netherlands arrives to a warm welcome on the island of Aruba.
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Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands visits Aruba



ORANJESTAD – Her Majesty Royal Queen Beatrix of the Kingdom of the Netherlands arrived on the island yesterday afternoon with a warm welcome. Accompanying out Queen for her 3 day visit to Aruba is her son the Crown Prince of Oranje Willem-Alexander and his wife Princess Maxima. Aruba's Governor Fredis Refunjol and his distinguished wife, together with Prime Minister of Aruba Mike Eman and his distinguished wife together with the members of the arrival organizing committee gave the Royal Visitors a warm welcome. □



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NYPD officers charged in ticket corruption probe

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — What began nearly three years ago as a low-profile wiretap investigation of a police officer has resulted in criminal charges against 16 officers accused of abusing their authority by helping relatives and friends avoid paying traffic tickets. The Bronx district attorney's office said in a statement Thursday that an indictment against the officers and five other people will be unsealed Friday following "allegations of police corruption covering a broad spectrum of crimes." No specifics were given, but two people familiar with the case said the charges are related to fixing tickets. The people spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the allegations hadn't been made public. The New York Police Department's chief spokesman, Paul Browne, and union officials declined to comment Thursday.

The case doesn't appear to rise to the level of more notorious corruption scandals in the nation's largest police department. But in terms of the number of officers facing criminal or internal administrative charges, the probe represents the largest crackdown on police accused of misconduct in recent memory. The charges against 13 police officers, two sergeants and one lieutenant — including delegates with the department's largest and most powerful union, the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association — are the latest in a spate of corruption allegations against NYPD officers.

Earlier this week, federal prosecutors in Manhattan brought conspiracy and other charges against five current and three former officers alleging they were part of a gun-running ring. In two other recent federal cases, one officer was

charged with arresting a black man without cause and using a racial slur to describe him and another was charged with using a law enforcement database to try to trump up charges against an innocent man. As the ticket-fix-

ing investigation unfolded, union officials complained that it unfairly singled out officers for an unofficial practice — undoing paperwork on traffic citations before they reach court — that has been tolerated for years. □



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Sip of rare wine is Panetta's reward for bin Laden killing



U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, second from left, and his South Korean counterpart Kim Kwan-jin, second from right, U.S. Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Martin Dempsey, left, and Chairman of South Korean Joint Chiefs of Staff Jung Seung-jo, right, salute during an honor guard ceremony at Defense Ministry in Seoul, South Korea, Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011. California restaurateur Ted Balestreri will think twice the next time he makes a bet with old friend and Pentagon chief Leon Panetta.

(AP Photo/Lee Jin-man)

MONTEREY, California (AP) — California restaurateur Ted Balestreri will think twice the next time he makes a bet with old friend and Pentagon chief Leon Panetta.

Last year during Balestreri's annual New Year's Eve party at his Monterey restaurant, The Sardine Factor,

friends chided him over when he would uncork a \$10,000 bottle from his rare wine collection. Balestreri joked, "If Leon catches Osama bin Laden, we'll open that bottle." Panetta, then head of the CIA, jumped up and declared "You're on!" Balestreri recalls. □

Wal-Mart employees file new bias lawsuit

ANDREW MARTIN

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Four months after the Supreme Court tossed out their national class-action lawsuit, lawyers representing women who claimed that Wal-Mart Stores had discriminated against them filed a new lawsuit Thursday that narrowed their claims to the California stores of the retail chain.

The lawyers promised an "armada" of other lawsuits in the next six months making discrimination claims in other regions of the country, as opposed to nationwide. "The case we are starting today is the first of many," said Brad Seligman, one of the lead plaintiff lawyers. He added that the new lawsuits are "what we like to call Wal-Mart 2.0." In rejecting the earlier lawsuit, the Supreme Court found that the plaintiffs, who had sought back pay for as many as 1.5 million women nationwide, had failed to establish that the legal and factual issues in-



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volving all those women had enough in common to be examined as a single class.

The lawsuit filed Thursday in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California contends that Wal-Mart's discriminatory practices on pay and job promotion affected more than 90,000 women currently or formerly employed at Wal-Mart and Sam's Club stores in four regions in California and neighboring states. Wal-Mart dismissed the latest lawsuit as more of the same.

Theodore J. Boutros Jr., a lawyer for Wal-Mart, said, "It's the same theory, in a different wardrobe, and I don't think it's going to work." He added later in a statement, "These lawyers seem more intent on alleging classes for their publicity value than their legal virtue."

Joseph M. Sellers, one of the plaintiffs' lawyers, said the new lawsuit was spe-

cifically tailored to address the Supreme Court's concerns. He said the plaintiffs were subject to the same decision-makers and that there was some sort of overall animus directed at the women.

The lawsuit describes Wal-Mart's California region as being governed by a "good old boy philosophy" where job opportunities were not posted, but were passed along word-of-mouth, usually to men.

The origins of the lawsuit date to 1999 when Stephanie Odle was fired after complaining that she was discriminated against because of her sex. She said she had discovered that a male employee with the same job and less experience was making \$23,000 a year more than she was. The lead plaintiff in the case decided by the Supreme Court, Betty Dukes, is also the lead plaintiff in the case filed Thursday. □



Killer of Texas police officer executed

MICHAEL GRACZYK
Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A former street gang member was executed Thursday evening in Texas for fatally shooting a veteran police officer who was trying to resolve a domestic dispute

that also left the shooter's wife dead. The 39-year-old Frank Garcia shouted "Thank you Yahweh" over and over until he lost consciousness. It was the 12th execution this year in Texas, the nation's most active death penalty state. □

Experts cast doubt in Jackson doctor case

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LOS ANGELES (AP) —

The battle of scientific experts in the trial of Michael Jackson's doctor took a new turn late Thursday as defense lawyers made an 11th hour disclosure that their scientific expert has devised a new computer simulation shedding light on what killed the pop superstar.

Prosecutors told the judge they were surprised by the new development and need time to study the software program used by Dr. Paul White, a top expert on the anesthetic propofol. The judge agreed.

He said White could conclude his defense testimony Friday but he would give the prosecution the weekend to analyze the computer data before the star witness of Dr. Conrad Murray's defense is cross-examined.

"This is extraordinarily complicated material," said Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor.

The developments were gleaned at the end of the



Dr. Paul White, anesthesiologist and propofol expert, gives testimony during Dr. Conrad Murray's involuntary manslaughter trial in Los Angeles on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011. Murray has pleaded not guilty and faces four years in prison and the loss of his medical licenses if convicted of involuntary manslaughter in Michael Jackson's death.

(AP Photo/Paul Buck, Pool)

court day from a transcript of a lengthy private conference with lawyers in the judge's chambers.

The new twist means another delay in the trial's conclusion, the judge said, and he worried aloud, "I just don't know if we are going to start losing jurors."

"This jury is extraordinarily dedicated to the case," he said. "But they have lives and commitments."

Jurors were told at the outset that they would be finished with the trial Friday, Pastor said. Now, he said, he's not sure when the trial will conclude.

The defense, meanwhile, sought to shift blame to another doctor and a drug different from the anesthetic that killed Jackson. Murray's lawyers called an expert to testify that the star was addicted to a Demerol in the months before his death.

They suggested the singer's withdrawal from the painkiller triggered the insomnia that Murray was trying to resolve when he gave Jackson propofol.

Murray's attorneys claim the ultimate blame lies with Jackson himself, but they also sought to implicate his dermatologist in the drug-laced path to his June 2009 death.

They called White to the stand late in the day to cast doubt on a col-

league's earlier testimony that Murray was responsible for Jackson's death.

Court recessed before White gave his central opinion. He did say he was "perplexed" after reading documents in the case about whether Murray administered the propofol dose that killed Jackson.

White noted that Murray described to police a very low dose of the drug. If that was true, White said, "I would not have expected Michael Jackson to have died."

White said if Murray did in fact put Jackson on an IV drip of propofol and leave him unattended, he could not justify it. White did not immediately offer an alternate theory of what happened.

Rubio, Chamber talk Cuba

STEVE HUETTEL

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TAMPA Sen. Marco Rubio and Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce officials chose not to rekindle a fight over new flights to Cuba.

But during a visit here Thursday, the Miami Republican bristled at a reporter's suggestion that he tried to block flights from Tampa to protect Miami travel businesses.

"The idea that I'm a friend of the fly-to-Cuba-from-Miami crowd is absurd," he said at a news conference.

"No one would criticize someone going to Cuba to see their dying mother. What we're opposed to is expansion of these new flights from Miami or anywhere else. They add more money to the (Castro) regime."

In February, Rubio proposed an amendment to a Federal Aviation Authority funding bill that would

have prohibited any additional flights between the United States and countries, such as Cuba, designated as "state sponsors of terrorism" by the State Department.

At the time, charter flights to Cuba were restricted to three gateway cities: Miami, New York and Los Angeles. Chamber CEO Robert Rohrlach fired off a letter to Rubio, saying that Rubio's position benefited his hometown of Miami at the expense of Tampa Bay and other Florida metro ar-

reas seeking nonstop flights to the island nation.

"I sincerely hope that you will withdraw (the amendment) in order to more accurately reflect the resolve of the entire state as opposed to the interests of a few," Rubio's amendment failed in the Senate. Tampa International and airports in Orlando, Fort Lauderdale and Key West subsequently won federal approval for Cuba flights. Charter companies now fly twice weekly from Tampa International to Havana. □

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Fort Hood shooting suspect seeks jury consultant

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Associated Press

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — Because he's a Muslim and accused of having ties to a terrorist, the man charged in the deadly Fort Hood shooting rampage needs a jury consultant before he goes on trial for his life, his defense attorneys told a military judge Thursday. Maj. Nidal Hasan's attorneys also told the judge that he needs another expert to analyze the extensive pretrial publicity about

the case and determine how that might influence potential jurors. The judge, Col. Gregory Gross, said he would rule later on the defense motions requesting the two experts that would require government funding. Gross would decide the amount if he approves one or both motions, according to Fort Hood officials. Hasan, an Army psychiatrist, is charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder in the

November 2009 shootings at the Texas Army post. His trial is set for March, and jurors are to be brought from Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Lt. Col. Kris Poppe, the lead defense attorney, said jurors must consider life in prison and not just the death penalty if Hasan is convicted. Poppe said the defense team needs a jury consultant to help ensure that jurors are fair because Hasan, 41, already faces numerous obstacles — including stereotypes about his religion and the number of victims in the case. Prosecutors urged the judge to deny the requests, saying they were unnecessary expenses. Maj. Larry Downend, one of the prosecutors, said a jury consultant would be doing "tasks performed routinely by attorneys around the world every day." Poppe also said he

would decide later whether to challenge Gross as the judge in the case. Gross answered some of Poppe's follow-up questions in court Thursday after filling out a questionnaire prepared by the defense team. Gross said he was presiding over a trial in a Fort Hood courtroom on Nov. 5, 2009, when someone handed him a note instructing him to take a recess immediately. He said he then called his wife, who was shopping on the post with some other relatives, but that they were fine. Gross said he didn't remember if he attended the memorial service a few days later in which President Barack Obama addressed the victims' families and a large crowd at Fort Hood. "The events of 5 November have had no noticeable impact (on me)," Gross said. □

Teen guilty of killing friend, burning body



Rene Lopez-Fregozo, Jose Campos, and Felicia Sharp, are all suspected of murder or being accessories to murder. A jury convicted Campos of fatally shooting his 17-year-old friend, dismembering the body and burning it in a backyard bonfire.

MURRIETA, California (AP) — A jury has convicted a teen of fatally shooting his 17-year-old friend, dismembering the body and burning it in a backyard bonfire. The Press Enterprise says it took the Riverside County jury less than a day to find 19-year-old Jose Campos guilty Thursday of the first-degree murder of Adrian Rios. Jurors also found true the allegation that Campos

used a handgun in commission of the crime. Rios was killed Nov. 15, 2009, when he went to Campos' home to watch a football game. Prosecutors say Campos shot Rios in the face with a rifle during an argument, then dismembered and burned the body in a backyard pit. Campos faces 25 years to life in prison. He's scheduled to be sentenced Dec. 16. □

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Will it last?

Summer growth calms recession fears

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AP Economics Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) —

A summer of modest economic growth is helping dispel lingering fears that another recession might be near.

Whether the strength can be sustained is less certain. The U.S. economy grew at an annual rate of 2.5 percent in the July-September quarter, the Commerce Department said Thursday. But the growth was fueled by Americans who spent more while earning less and by businesses that invested in machines and computers, not workers.

The expansion, the best quarterly growth in a year, came as a relief after anemic growth in the first half of the year, weeks of wild stock market shifts and the weakest consumer confidence since the height of the Great Recession.

The economy would have to grow at nearly double the third-quarter pace to make a dent in the unemployment rate, which has stayed near 9 percent since the recession officially ended more than two years ago.

For the more than 14 million Americans who are out of work and want a job, that's discouraging news. And for President Barack Obama and incumbent members of Congress, it means they'll be facing voters with unemployment near 9 percent.

"It is still a very weak economy out there," said David Wyss, former chief economist at Standard & Poor's.

For now, the report on U.S. gross domestic product, or GDP, sketched a more optimistic picture for an economy that only two months



Job seekers talk with prospective employers at a job fair Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011, in Brookpark, Ohio. A summer of modest economic growth is helping dispel lingering fears that another recession might be near.

(AP Photo/Tony Dejak)

ago seemed at risk of another recession.

And it came on the same day that European leaders announced a deal in which banks would take 50 percent losses on Greek debt and raise new capital to protect against defaults on sovereign debt.

Stocks surged on the European deal and maintained their gains after the report on U.S. growth was released. The Dow Jones rose 340 points to close at 12,209. The Dow hadn't closed above 12,000 since Aug. 1. The Standard & Poor's 500 index is close to having its best month since 1974. □



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Turkey survivor emerges from quake rubble

Associated Press

ERCIS, Turkey (AP) — Rescuers, working under floodlights, pulled a 13-year-old boy alive from the rubble of a collapsed apartment building early Friday, over 100 hours after a massive earthquake leveled many buildings in eastern Turkey, killing at least 550 people.

A picture by the state-run Anatolia news agency showed a rescue team carrying, Ferhat Tokay, out of the debris, wearing a neck brace. In other pictures from a field hospital, he appeared conscious and looking at his rescuers.

Tokay's rescue came 108 hours after Sunday's 7.2-magnitude earthquake, the agency said. □



An earthquake survivor smiles after receiving free food at a roadside in Erçis, Van province, Turkey, Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011. Rain and snow on Thursday compounded difficulties for thousands rendered homeless in the powerful earthquake that hit eastern Turkey.

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Somalia, Libya, Uganda: US increases Africa focus

JASON STRAZIUSO
Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) —

While putting few U.S. troops at risk, the United States is playing a growing role in Africa's military battles, using special forces advisers, drones and tens of millions of dollars in military aid to combat a growing and multifaceted security threat.

Once again, the focus is Somalia, the lawless nation that was the site of America's last large-scale military intervention in Africa in the early 1990s. By the time U.S. forces departed, 44 Army soldiers, Marines and airmen had been killed and dozens more wounded.

This time the United States is playing a less visible role, providing intelligence and training to fight militants

across the continent, from Mauritania in the west along the Atlantic coast, to Somalia in the east along the Indian Ocean. The renewed focus on Africa follows a series of recent and dramatic attacks.

In August, a hard-line Islamist group in Nigeria known as Boko Haram bombed the U.N. headquarters in the capital, Abuja, killing 24 people. A year earlier, militants from the Somali group al-Shabab unleashed twin bombings in Kampala, Uganda, that killed 76. And a Nigerian man tried to blow up an airliner over Detroit on Christmas Day 2009 during a flight that originated from Lagos, Nigeria.

Most worrisome to the

United States is al-Shabab, an al-Qaida-linked group in Somalia that has recruited dozens of Americans, most of Somali descent.

"If you ask me what keeps me awake at night, it is the thought of an American passport-holding person who transits through a training camp in Somalia and gets some skill and then finds their way back into the United States to attack Americans," Gen. Carter Ham, the commander of the U.S. Africa Command, said in Washington this month. "That's mission failure for us."

U.S. and European officials also worry that AQIM — an al-Qaida group that operates in the west and north of Africa — is working to establish links with Boko Haram and al-Shabab, the Somali insurgent group. □

Official:

Gadhafi's spy chief in Mali, son on way



Moammar Gadhafi's intelligence chief who is wanted by Interpol fled to Mali overnight after making his way across Niger where he has been hiding for several days in the country's northern desert. The official, who could not be named because of the sensitive nature of the matter, said that Abdullah al-Senoussi (above) entered Mali late Wednesday via the Kidal region, which shares a border with Niger.

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DAKAR, Senegal (AP) — Moammar Gadhafi's intelligence chief who is wanted by Interpol fled to Mali overnight after making his way across Niger where he has been hiding for several days in the country's northern desert, an adviser to Niger's president said Thursday.

The official, who could not be named because of the sensitive nature of the mat-

ter, said that Abdullah al-Senoussi entered Mali late Wednesday via the Kidal region, which shares a border with Niger. He is guarded by a unit of about a dozen people and arrived in a convoy piloted by ethnic Tuaregs from Mali.

The adviser said that Gadhafi's hunted son, Seif al-Islam, is also on his way to Mali and is traveling across the invisible line separating Algeria from Niger. The area, a lawless expanse of dunes stretching for hundreds of miles (kilometers), has been used for years by drug traffickers as well as an offshoot of al-Qaida and has nearly no government presence.

"Senoussi is in Mali," said the adviser, an influential elder in the ethnic Tuareg community which overwhelmingly supported Gadhafi and remained loyal to him despite Niger's official stance backing the country's new rulers.

"Seif is going to Mali too. He is right now between Niger and Algeria.

He is in the territory at the frontier between the two, heading to Mali," the adviser said. "Fothe moment, they do not plan to approach the government. They are protected by the Tuaregs ... and they are choosing to stay in the desert." □

UN votes to lift Libya no-fly zone on Oct. 31

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UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. Security Council voted unanimously Thursday to lift the no-fly zone over Libya on Oct. 31 and end military action to protect civilians, acting swiftly following the death of Moammar Gadhafi and the interim government's declaration of the country's liberation. The council authorized the actions on March 17 in response to an Arab League request to try to halt Moammar Gadhafi's military, which was advancing against rebels and their civilian supporters. The NATO bombing campaign that followed was critical in helping the rebels oust Gadhafi from power in



In this Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011 photo, crated rockets are seen in an unguarded storage facility in the desert, some 62 miles (100 kilometers) south of Sirte, Libya. U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011, that immediate U.S. concerns in Libya are focused on the possibility of providing medical assistance to Libya's wounded and preventing the proliferation of military weapons.

(AP Photo/David Sperry)

August. "This marks a really important milestone in the transition in Libya," Britain's U.N. Ambassador Mark Lyall Grant said. "It marks the way from the military phase

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Tunisia's moderate Islamists win landmark vote

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Associated Press

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — Tunisia's moderate Islamist party Ennahda, banned for decades, emerged the official victor in the nation's first free elections, taking 41.47 percent of the vote and 90 of 217 seats in an assembly that will write a new constitution, the electoral commission announced Thursday.

The announcement of final results in Sunday's landmark voting capped an ebullient period for this small North African country, which inspired the Arab Spring as it moves toward democracy after more than a half-century under one-party systems.

However, protests linked to the party placing fourth in Sunday's voting erupted in and around Sidi Bouzid, the town where the uprising that drove this North

African nation's strongman from power.

The leader of Aareedha Chaabiya, or Popular Peti-

tion party, Hachemi Hamdi, announced on national television that he was withdrawing the 19 seats his

party won after the electoral commission invalidated six of its lists.

The results carried other surprises, like the second place, and 30 seats, won by the Congress for the Republic party,

founded in 2001 by noted human rights activist Moncef Marzouki, a doctor who had lived in exile in Paris.

The third-placed party was the center-left Ettakatol, or the Democratic Forum for Labor and Freedoms, led by Mustapha Ben Jaafar, also a doctor.

It won 21 seats in the constituent assembly.

The final results remain provisional until after any appeals are studied, a process that could take up to two weeks, according to Ridha Torkhani, a member of the electoral commission.

In Sidi Bouzid, soldiers fired warning shots after hun-

dreds of alleged supporters of Aareedha Chaabiya flooded the streets and burned tires,

according to a witness reached by telephone, Attia Athmouni.

The official TAP news agency said people were angry over the invalidation of the six lists of Aareedha Chaabiya.

However, earlier in the day, some residents had already expressed displeasure with reported remarks from an Ennahda official scolding the population for letting money sway their votes.

Aareedha Chaabiya's leader,

Hachemi Hamdi, a native son of Sidi Bouzid and owner of the Mustaqila satellite television channel based in London, had broadcast promises to give Tunisians free health care, new factories and thousands of jobs. □



Tunisian leader and founder of the moderate Islamist party Ennahda, Rached Ghannouchi, celebrates with his daughter, Intissar Kherigi, their electoral victory at the party's headquarters in Tunis, Tunisia, Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011. Ennahda, banned for decades, emerged the official victor in the nation's first free elections, taking 90 of 217 seats in an assembly that will write a new constitution, the electoral commission announced Thursday. (AP Photo/Amine Landoulsi)

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Hugo Chavez: 'There is no government in Libya'

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said Wednesday that he won't recognize Libya's new government and predicted more war in the country. The Venezuelan leader condemned the killing of Libyan strongman Moammar Gadhafi, whom he had considered a friend. He defended Gadhafi throughout the conflict and strongly criticized NATO's military involvement in the country. "For us, there is no government in Libya," Chavez told reporters at the presidential palace. "We don't recognize the government that NATO has installed.

It's installed a government through bombs in Libya and through a genocide ... and an assassination," Chavez said. "Independently of who the president was, whether you or others didn't like him ... he was the president of Libya," Chavez said. He said the conflict has left behind a shattered country, and he predicted that it isn't over. Libya isn't under anyone's control. A war will start there now," Chavez said. "Well, it already started, imposed by NATO and the United Nations Security Council." "They destroyed that country, and now there's chaos there, violence ev-



Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez, right, and Colombia's Maria Emma Mejia, secretary general of the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR), embrace after their meeting at the Miraflores presidential palace in Caracas, Venezuela.

(AP Photo/Fernando Llano)

Attorney: Muslim inmate wants to wear head scarf

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The Council on American-Islamic Relations is asking the Sheriff's Department to grant religious accommodation to inmates who wear religious head coverings, after a Muslim woman convicted on multiple terror-related charges was forced to give up her head scarf while in custody. Amina Farah Ali, 35, was convicted last week of funneling money to the terror group al-Shabab in Somalia. She's awaiting sentencing on 13 terror-related counts, including one count of conspiracy to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization. Her attorney, Dan Scott, said his client wants to wear her head scarf because, as part of her Muslim faith, she believes she must dress modestly in front of men who are not her relatives. That modest dress includes a head scarf, or hijab. □

everywhere," he added. The Venezuelan president demanded peace negotiations during the conflict

in Libya and denounced the rebels as "terrorists." Gadhafi at one point sent Chavez a letter thanking

him for his support. Chavez said after Gadhafi's death that he would be remembered as a martyr. □



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A night with ghosts where legislators roam



Stuart Lehman, education coordinator for New York's Capitol, leads a haunted tour of the building in Albany, N.Y.. Eight years ago, Lehman started haunted tours of New York's Capitol, linking history with the mystery of the creaking doors and flickering lights in the building.

(Nathaniel Brooks/The New York Times)

LIZ LEYDEN

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ALBANY, N.Y. – In a black bowler hat and flowing frock coat, Stuart Lehman stands out at the New York state Capitol. It is just past 5 o'clock, and around him state workers hustle toward the doors. Phones pressed against ears, white sneakers over stockings, the day is done, but their eyes linger briefly on this man who seems of another time. The gold chain on his pocket watch swings as he walks toward the empty hallways they leave behind, toward an evening filled with ghosts. Eight years ago, Lehman, who works in state government, started the Hauntings Tour, a walk through the Capitol, which rises like a Gothic castle off the Hudson River and brims with enough spooky back story to rival the modern-day foibles of wayward governors and law-breaking legislators.

Consider the devastating fire of 1911, in which one man died and half a million books burned, but a trove of sacred Iroquois artifacts remained untouched in the blaze's midst. Or the heartache of the artist whose life's work remains forever hidden in the Assembly chamber – the same space where employees regularly report mysterious cold spots and flickering lights.

With such stories, Lehman hoped to lure a few dozen newcomers to that first

haunted tour. More than 300 people rushed to sign up. This year, the tours, offered twice a day until Halloween, were booked solid by early October, with more than 1,000 visitors expected.

"I look at it as a great way to get people interested in history," said Lehman, the education coordinator for the Capitol. "They come for the ghosts; they leave with a good dose of history."



A hidden demon in the architecture of the New York Capitol during a haunted tour of the building in Albany, N.Y., Oct. 20, 2011. Eight years ago, a state worker started haunted tours of New York's Capitol, linking history with the mystery of the creaking doors and flickering lights in the building.

(Nathaniel Brooks/The New York Times)

Two dozen people gathered in the silent building at dusk recently, a mix of young and old, including teenagers with cellphones and purple nail polish, and curious retirees.

Ann Lippman, who is retired and lives in Albany, wondered what she might see, having heard a few stories herself during her

years working at the Capitol when Mario M. Cuomo was governor.

"There are supposed to be ghosts here," she said. "Maybe we'll see one."

Her friend Myron Levin, who is also retired and lives in Delmar, N.Y., raised an eyebrow.

"As long as they don't come home with us," he said.

Beginning on the fourth floor beside the Senate staircase, Lehman described a man with long gray hair spied along this corridor. In 1890, a State Street fruit vendor, bereft over his failing business, leapt to his death from the stairs, his billowing gray hair shocking the Victorian women who witnessed the fall.

Donna Lynch, 53, nodded as Lehman spoke. She had brought her teenage son and her boyfriend to officially hear the mysteries that had filled water cooler talk throughout the decade she worked in the Capitol's security office: creaking doors, shadows, glimmering lights.

"Everyone knows there's something here," Lynch, from East Greenbush, N.Y.,

said. "We had a guy who would never go on the fifth floor for the fire inspections because he swore there was a ghost up there. He called him George."

The Capitol's most oft-seen ghost, according to Lehman, is Samuel Abbott, a Civil War veteran and 78-year-old night watchman who died during the 1911 fire. □

Art Review:

New York homecoming for Islam's far-flung glory



A bronze incense burner from 12th-century Iran at the newly renovated Islamic galleries at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, Oct. 25, 2011. The Islamic galleries, now called the galleries for the Art of the Arab Lands, Turkey, Iran, Central Asia and Later South Asia, will go back on permanent display Nov. 1.

(Ruth Fremson/The New York Times)

HOLLAND COTTER

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NEW YORK – New York City is just days away from a long-awaited Arab autumn.

In 2003 the Islamic galleries of the Metropolitan Museum of Art closed for renovation, and one of the world's premier collections of Islamic art more or less vanished into storage.

The timing, barely two years after the events of Sept. 11, was unfortunate, if unavoidable. Just when we needed to learn everything we could about Islamic

charge of the department of Islamic art, with Navina Najat Haidar as project coordinator – is as intelligent as it is visually resplendent. The art itself, some 1,200 works spanning more than 1,000 years, is beyond fabulous. An immense cultural vista – necessary, liberating, intoxicatingly pleasurable – has been restored to the city. As its title implies, that vista has been carefully thought out and framed. Rather than presenting Islamic art as the product of a religiously driven mono-



The watercolor "The Goddess Bhairavi Devi with Shiva," attributed to the painter Payag, from the Mughal period in India at the newly renovated Islamic galleries at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, Oct. 25, 2011.

(Ruth Fremson/The New York Times)

culture, a crucial teaching tool disappeared.

As of Tuesday the learning can go forward. The Met's Islamic collection returns to view in what are now being called the galleries for the Art of the Arab Lands, Turkey, Iran, Central Asia and Later South Asia. The new, much expanded installation – organized by Sheila Canby, the curator in

culture encompassing centuries and continents, the Met is now – far more realistically – approaching it as a varied, changing, largely secular phenomenon, regionally rooted but absorptively cosmopolitan, affected by the intricacies and confusions of history, including the history that the art itself helped to create. □



Player's Choice rediscovers the refreshed Radisson



Palm Beach -- Guy Gemore, CEO of Player's Choice Tours, INC., from Yonkers, NY, invited a group of top producing travel agents to come to Aruba and stay at the refreshed Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa. The resort's Aruba Tower had just reopened, following renovation totaling USD 26 million which be-

gan in April 2010 and included the 355-room resort's three guestroom towers and key public areas. Gemore and his guests will experience an updated resort with many new room amenities among them Simmons Luxury Plush EverNu mattresses, new bedding and linen featuring luxury duvet covers and

contemporary accents, 42-inch plasma TVs, i-Home clock radios, computerized climate-control systems with dehumidifiers for ultimate comfort, double-pane "airport quality" glass windows and doors for a soundproof experience, and renovated public areas. The group was welcomed to the re-

sort by general manager Rob Smith in the AAA Four Diamond Sunset Grille restaurant, now with a new color scheme and furnishings, for a cocktail hour to steel band music, over delicious hors d'oeuvres. Pictured here some unforgettable moments of the group's first night on the island. □

At the Screaming Eagle and the Flying Fishbone:

Dutch Sommelier Paul Schmit shares his passion for wine

EAGLE BEACH - The Screaming Eagle Restaurant-Lounge is one of the most exciting and exotic restaurants on the island. This week, Dutch-born Sommelier Paul Schmit visited both the Screaming Eagle and her sister restaurant the Flying Fishbone in Savaneta. Schmit, who is fluent in Dutch, French, Spanish, German and English, shared his enormous expertise of wine with the management and staff of both the restaurants. He shared not only his education, but his priceless experiences over the years as the head waiter at several high class restaurants as he specialized in Wine becoming a Sommelier.

Schmit was the "Best Sommelier in Holland in 1992" and Graduated as Master in Gastronomy, known as "Registervinoloog van de Nederlandse Wijnacademie" in 1996. Schmit explained that when customers in an upscale restaurant



like the Screaming Eagle and the Flying Fishbone want to order a bottle of wine with dinner, they may be overwhelmed by or unfamiliar with the selections offered on the wine list. When this is the case, they can ask for advice. Sommelier is the French term for cellarmaster or wine steward. Sommeliers are individuals with a love of wine who are eager to impart some of their knowledge to the cus-

tomers. They can describe the regions, grapes, vineyards and vintages of an assortment of wines. The best sommeliers talk to, not at, their customers and enjoy when customers tell them of a bottle they have recently tasted that they are not familiar with.

Schmit explained that the server needs to recommend wines that suit the customer's tastes, food pairing, and price range. Even

those who are knowledgeable about wine can benefit from the staff's advice, especially when in a foreign country.

It is important that the server has tasted the items on the wine list and knows which wines go best with which entrees. It was emphasized that the server needs to bring the wine to life through description for the patron before it even touches his palate.

Schmit also explained to his captive audience about decanting wines, when necessary. Decanting, usually done to red wines, is the process of pouring the wine into a decanter before serving it. This is done to allow the wine to breathe and to separate it from any sediment that may have settled at the bottom of the bottle. Extensive and frequent travel has been part of Schmit's lifelong career, traveling yearly to different regions to further his experiences and education to share. Now Aruba, although wines are not officially produced on the island, Schmit now adds this One Happy Island Aruba to his repertoire. At the end of the courses at the Screaming Eagle and the Flying Fishbone, the management and staff were bestowed secrets as how to bring out the best of both worlds in the wines and the food served at their restaurants. Hats off to Sommelier Paul Schmit! □



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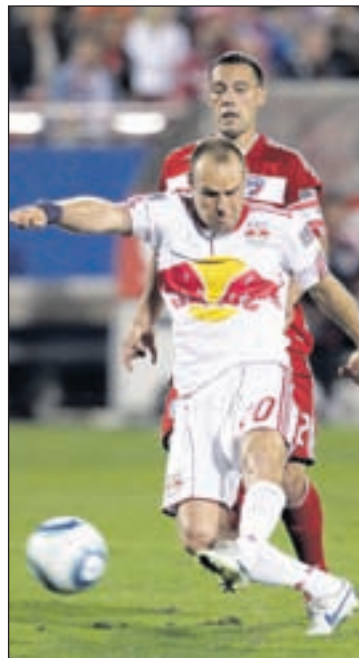
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Schumacher: Deaths in motorsport down to 'fate'

Hispania Racing Team driver Narain Karthikeyan of India, left, and Mercedes driver Michael Schumacher of Germany, right, speak during the driver's press conference of the Indian Formula One Grand Prix at the Buddh International Circuit in Noida, 24 miles from New Delhi, India Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011. Noida will be host to India's first Formula One race on Sunday Oct 30.

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New York Red Bulls midfielder Joel Lindpere, takes a shot on goal in the second half of an MLS Wild Card playoff match as FC Dallas' Daniel Hernandez looks on, Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011, in Frisco, Texas.

Associated Press

Red Bulls hold off FC Dallas to advance

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Thierry Henry scored deep in injury time as the New York Red Bulls held off FC Dallas 2-0 on Wednesday night in an MLS Wild Card playoff match to set up a semifinal against Los Angeles. Joel Lindpere chipped over Dallas goalkeeper Kevin Hartman in the 61st minute and Henry's late shot increased the margin for a Red Bulls team that only just scraped into the playoffs and gave up a one-man advantage after the 79th minute against Dallas when Solli Jan Gunnar was red carded.

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Rangers blow lead; Cards win to force Game 7

St. Louis Cardinals' David Freese hits a solo home run off a pitch by Texas Rangers' Mark Lowe in the 11th inning of Game 6 of baseball's World Series Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011, in St. Louis. The Cardinals won 10-9.

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Kvitova beats Wozniacki at WTA Championships

ISTANBUL (AP) — Petra Kvitova reached the semifinals of the WTA Championships after dominating top-ranked Caroline Wozniacki on Thursday, winning 6-4, 6-2 to hand the Dane her second loss at the season-ending tournament.

Kvitova joined Victoria Azarenka in the last four, with the Belarusian having earned a comfortable 6-2, 6-2 win over Li Na in the early match. In the day's late match, Poland's Agnieszka Radwanska beat sixth-seeded Vera Zvonareva 1-6, 6-2, 7-5.

Kvitova earned an early break in the first set and never looked troubled the rest of the way, hitting 36 winners compared to just six for Wozniacki. The Dane never earned a breakpoint, and said she was feeling ill and tired playing her third match in three days.

"I have been feeling tired,

and to get a little bit sick now, that's not the best if you want to beat the top players," Wozniacki said. "Today, Petra played well. And of course I wish I could have been 110 percent, but my body just didn't want the things that I wanted today."

Kvitova, this year's Wimbledon champion, broke two more times in the second set before clinching the victory with a backhand winner.

"It was very strange game," Kvitova said. "I mean, of course I'm happy that I won, but sometimes I felt like work on the court when I play against Caroline because I know that she's not OK."

The Czech player improved her record to 2-0 in the round-robin phase, while Wozniacki fell to 1-2 after also losing to Zvonareva on Wednesday. Woz-



Czech Republic's Petra Kvitova returns to Denmark's Caroline Wozniacki during the WTA championships in Istanbul, Turkey, Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011.

Associated Press

niacki still wrapped up the year-end No. 1 ranking after Maria Sharapova with-

drew from the tournament with an ankle injury following her second loss on Wednesday.

Azarenka followed her win over U.S. Open champion Sam Stosur with a victory by the same scoreline over Li, the French Open winner.

"I think she's a very, very tough opponent," Azarenka said about Li. "Especially if you give her one rhythm, she's really solid and she can stay and overpower anybody. So I had to adjust, because the last two meetings that we had she really took advantage of me playing the same way ... I had to change something and be more creative today."

Li has a 1-1 record in the White Group after an opening win against Sharapova. Li will play Stosur on Friday, with the winner advancing to the quarterfinals. Azarenka is set to play Marion Bartoli, who replaced

Sharapova, in a match that is essentially meaningless.

"I'm just going to try to use that match to work more on my game and improve little things that I could have done better today," Azarenka said. "So I'm just going to use it as an advantage for me and try my best. I always do. When I'm on the court I'm 100 percent."

Zvonareva was left to rue the missed chances after she led 40-15, at 5-3 in the third set on Radwanska's serve. A third opportunity for the Russian to close out the match also went begging after a lengthy exchange. "When you have (a) few match points down you're not really thinking anymore," the eighth-seeded Radwanska said after her victory. "You just fight until the end ... when I served those two match points I was still, you know, in the game." □



Chinese tennis fans listen to Russian player Marat Safin saying goodbye to the China Open after his last match in the quarter finals of the tournament in Beijing, China, Friday, Oct. 9, 2009.

Associated Press.

CHENGDU, China (AP) — Famed for his angry outbursts on court, former top-ranked tennis player Marat Safin revealed

Marat Safin running for Russian parliament

Thursday he wants to put his argumentative skills to use in the Russian parliament. The 31-year-old Safin is up for election to the State Duma on Dec. 4 and could join other Russian sports stars including gold medal-winning gymnast Svetlana Khorkina in the lower house of parliament. "I am an intelligent guy and I have a lot to bring and a lot of ideas about things and what to do," Safin said. "I am very committed to it." Safin retired in 2009 after winning two Grand Slam titles and reaching the No. 1 ranking in 2000. He earned a reputation as a gifted but unpredictable

player, breaking countless rackets during his frequent bouts of rage. Since he quit the sport after a series of injuries, Safin has been working for the Russian tennis federation and has become a member of the Russian Olympic committee. He has also started playing on the ATP Champions Tour for former stars and it was at the Chengdu Open in China that Safin revealed his political ambitions. Safin participated in the primaries in the Nizhny Novgorod region, and now awaits the Dec. 4 vote to take one of the 450 seats in the Duma. □

Canadiens beat Flyers to end 6-game skid

MONTREAL (AP) — Carey Price made 21 saves for his 100th win, and Max Pacioretty had two goals and an assist as the Montreal Canadiens ended a six-game losing streak with a 5-1 win over the Philadelphia Flyers on Wednesday. Pacioretty assisted on Andrei Kositsyn's goal 10:26 into the second and scored 2:12 later to make it 3-1. He added his second goal of the game in the third. Yannick Weber scored a power-play goal late in

the first period to tie it at 1. Michael Cammalleri also scored for Montreal, which got its first win in six games at the Bell Centre.

Jaromir Jagr scored his third goal in two games for Philadelphia, which played its first game without injured captain Chris Pronger.

*Blues 3, Canucks 0

At Vancouver, British Columbia, Alexander Steen scored twice and Brian Elliott made 32 saves to help St. Louis beat Vancouver.

Elliott, who signed a free-

agent contract this summer to be a backup in St. Louis, earned his first shutout this season and the 10th of his career. The Blues have won three straight games, all with Elliott starting.

Patrik Berglund scored the other St. Louis goal. Kevin Shattenkirk had two assists. Cory Schneider stopped 28 shots for the Canucks, who lost their second game in two nights.

*Flames 4, Avalanche 2

At Calgary, Alberta, Rene Bourque scored twice and Miikka Kiprusoff made 34 saves to lead Calgary over Colorado.

Roman Horak scored his first NHL goal and added an assist for the Flames. Lee



Montreal Canadiens left wing Max Pacioretty (67) scores the fourth goal against Philadelphia Flyers goalie Ilya Bryzgalov (30) as teammate Thomas Plekanec moves in during third period National Hockey League action Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011 in Montreal.

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NBA sides eager to get deal in next few days

BRIAN MAHONEY
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — NBA Commissioner David Stern says he would consider it a failure if the owners and players don't reach a deal to end the lockout in the next few days.

"There's no guarantee we're going to get it done," Stern said, "but we're going to give it one heck of a shot."

Union executive director Billy Hunter, too, struck a positive tone about the talks.

"I think we're within striking distance of getting a deal," he said after the two sides met for 7.5 hours Thursday. The two sides will resume bargaining Friday morning. "There's an element of continuity, familiarity and

I would hope trust that would enable us to look forward to (Friday) where we anticipate there will be some important and additional progress," Stern said. "Or not."

"We're looking forward to seeing whether something good can be made to happen."

Small groups from both sides returned to a hotel Thursday less than 12 hours after finishing a 15-hour meeting that went until past 3 a.m.

Union president Derek Fisher said they're working through a number of different issues and trying to close the gap in each issue. Stern said he expects the two sides to address the distribution of basketball revenue on Friday. □

MSL Round-up

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Dallas, which lost in the MLS Cup final last season, missed a chance to level the scores in the 76th minute and the complexion of the match changed three minutes later when Gunnar was shown the red card for his sliding tackle that took out Dallas captain Daniel Hernandez.

Jackson Goncalves' 20-

yard shot was saved in the 85th and then Maicon Santos' blast from 25 yards curled just wide of the right post as Dallas pressed for an equalizer.

The teams wound up playing 10-on-10 in stoppage time when Dallas defender Zach Loyd was injured and carried off on a stretcher, after Dallas had already used up all of its substitutions. □



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Cardinals rally twice, win in 11th to force Game 7

By BEN WALKER

AP Baseball Writer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — David Freese homered to lead off the bottom of the 11th inning, and the St. Louis Cardinals forced the World Series to a Game 7 by rallying from two-run deficits against the Texas Rangers in the 9th and 10th on Thursday night.

Freese hit a two-run triple just over a leaping Nelson Cruz to tie the score 7-7 in the ninth inning against Neftali Feliz. Then, after Josh Hamilton put Texas ahead with a two-run homer in the 10th off Jason Motte, Ryan Theriot hit an RBI ground-out in the bottom half and Lance Berkman tied it 9-9 with a single.

Freese's shot to center came off Mark Lowe.

Game 7 is Thursday night. Texas had built a 7-4 lead in the seventh when Adrian Beltre and Nelson Cruz hit consecutive home runs off Lance Lynn, and Ian Kinsler added an RBI single off Octavio Dotel. Allen Craig's second homer of the Series cut the gap in the eighth against Derek Holland.

In the ninth, Albert Pujols doubled with one out off Feliz and Berkman walked on four pitches. Craig took a called third strike, and Freese fell behind in the count 1-2. He sliced an opposite-field drive, and when Cruz jumped, the crowd of 47,315 at Busch Stadium couldn't tell at first whether he caught it. Feliz then retired Yadier Molina on a flyout to right, sending the game to extra innings.

With Texas ahead 3-2 in the



St. Louis Cardinals' David Freese (23) reacts after hitting a walk-off home run during the 11th inning of Game 6 of baseball's World Series against the Texas Rangers Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011, in St. Louis. The Cardinals won the game 10-9 to tie the series 3-3.

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Series and one win from its first title, the Rangers also wasted 1-0, 3-2 and 4-3 leads. The Cardinals made three errors in a Series game for the first time since 1943, and Rangers first baseman Michael Young made two, with each team allowing two unearned runs.

Matt Holliday was picked off in the sixth at third base by catcher Mike Napoli, thwarting the Cardinals' attempt to go ahead, and he had to leave the game because of a bruised right pinkie. Hamilton's RBI single had put the Rangers ahead in the first off Jaime Garcia, Berkman's two-run homer gave the Cardinals the lead in the bottom half and Kinsler's run-scoring double tied it 2-all in the third.

Cruz reached when Hol-

liday dropped a flyball leading off the fourth and came home when Napoli singled for his 10th RBI of the Series. Berkman then got to first on a throwing error by Young starting the bottom half and scored on Molina's grounder.

Freese dropped Hamilton's popup to third leading off the fifth, and Young lined a pitch from Fernando Salas to the gap in left-center. An error by Young on Holliday's sixth-inning grounder was followed by three straight walks, including two by Alexi Ogando. Colby Lewis allowed four runs — two earned — and three hits in 5 1-3 innings. Texas got far better swings against Garcia than it did in Game 2, when he allowed three hits in six shutout innings. This time, he gave

up five hits and two walks, throwing 59 pitches, and seven of the first 13 Texas batters reached base.

Just 24 of the 61 previous teams with 3-2 leads won Game 6, but 41 of those 61 teams went on to win the title. Eighteen teams trailing 3-2 in the best-of-seven format bounced back for championships, including 12 that swept the last two games at home.

In an effort to provide more production behind Pujols, Cardinals manager Tony La Russa moved Berkman to cleanup and dropped slumping Holliday down to fifth. Rangers manager Ron Washington moved the hot-hitting Napoli up one spot to seventh and had Craig Gentry hitting eighth, as he did in Game 2.

Four Cardinals Hall of Fam-

ers, wearing cardinal red sports jackets, stood at home plate before the game. Red Schoendienst, Lou Brock, Bob Gibson and Ozzie Smith. And then the greatest Cardinals player, 90-year-old Stan Musial, was driven from the right-field corner to the plate in a golf cart. Wearing a red sweater and Cardinals warmup jacket, he greeted his fellow Hall of Famers and watched 2006 Series MVP David Eckstein throw out the ceremonial first pitch.

Texas went ahead 10 pitches in. After starting with a called strike, Garcia walked Kinsler on four straight pitches, and Elvis Andrus' hit-and-run single put runners at the corners. Hamilton pulled the next pitch into right field for a single and his third RBI of the Series. Garcia recovered to strike out Young and Beltre, then got Cruz to hit into an inning-ending forceout on his 23rd pitch. Lewis quickly gave back the lead. Skip Schumaker, moved up from eighth in the batting order to second, singled with one out in the bottom half. Pujols flied out on the next pitch. Berkman also swung at the first pitch, sending an 89 mph offering over the center-field wall. Napoli walked leading off the second and Gentry singled him to second. Lewis bunted directly at Freese, who started a rare 5-6-4 double play. Shortstop Rafael Furcal took the throw at third for the force, then threw to second baseman Nick Punto covering first. □

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Schumacher: Deaths in motorsport down to 'fate'

NEW DELHI (AP) — Seven-time Formula One world champion Michael Schumacher said Thursday he is touched by the deaths of this month's of two motorsport stars but believes they are down to fate rather than deficiencies in the sport's safety.

Commenting on the deaths of IndyCar driver Dan Wheldon and MotoGP rider Marco Simoncelli, Schumacher said motorsport safety had been "hugely improved." Despite those improvements, Schumacher said all competitors accepted the inherent risk of serious accidents.

"If something has to happen, that is something I would call fate, and fate is something we are all faced with," Schumacher said ahead of this weekend's inaugural Indian Grand Prix.

"I am touched by what happened to both drivers but unfortunately we have to say that is life."

Wheldon was killed in a multiple-car collision in an IndyCar race in Las Vegas, when his car was launched into the air and into perimeter fencing. The British driver was a two-time former winner of the famed Indy 500. Simoncelli was killed in the MotoGP race in Malaysia last weekend when he lost control of his bike and slid into the path of two approaching riders.

"To have total safety — that is impossible," Schumacher said.

"I don't think when we drive we are thinking about putting ourselves in danger. When we push our cars to the limit, that is what we feel comfortable with."

Red Bull driver Sebastian Vettel, who has just clinched back-to-back world championships, said it has been "a horrible last two weeks for motorsports."

"We love motorsports, we love the thrill but at the same time we always hope nothing will happen," Vettel said.

"We are happy to take these certain risks but its

really shocking when we see how quickly things can change."

Ferrari driver Fernando Alonso, a two-time world champion, said watching such accidents "doesn't affect you when you're driving. It affects you during the week — it was very sad days."

"When you are driving, when you close the visor, you don't think about the risk," Alonso said. "The love and adrenaline you have when you are driving blocks out the risk."

"The Dan accident I saw the replay, on the news,



Mercedes driver Michael Schumacher of Germany listens a question during the driver's press conference of the Indian Formula One Grand Prix at the Buddh International Circuit in Noida, 24 miles from New Delhi, India Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011.

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and I was shocked for two or three days. For Marco, it was live, I was watching the

race. I did not believe — Sunday and Monday still — that this had happened." □

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U.S. ties newer birth control drugs to blood clots

MATTHEW PERRONE

AP Health Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Safety concerns about the popular birth control pill Yaz increased Thursday as federal health scientists reported that the Bayer drug and other newer birth control treatments appear to increase the risk of dangerous blood clots more than older medications.

A new study released by the Food and Drug Administration reviewed the medical history of more than 800,000 U.S. women taking different forms of birth control between 2001 and 2007.

On average, woman taking Yaz had a 75 percent greater chance of experiencing a blood clot than women taking older birth control drugs.

Yaz contains estrogen along with a next-generation synthetic hormone

called drospirenone, which is known to increase potassium levels in the blood. FDA compared medical records of women taking the drug with those taking the older drug levonorgestrel. Yaz, Yasmin and related drospirenone-containing pills were Bayer's second-

best-selling franchise last year at \$1.6 billion in global sales.

In 2009, the FDA took the unusual step of ordering Bayer to run corrective TV advertisements for Yaz on the ground that the drug-maker's marketing campaign overstated the drugs' ability to prevent acne and

premenstrual syndrome.

Bayer Healthcare, a division of the German conglomerate, said it "is currently evaluating this publication and cannot comment at this point in time."

The agency also reported higher complications in women using the Ortho Evra patch from Johnson & Johnson and the Nuvaring vaginal ring from Merck & Co. Inc.

Those drugs combine estrogen, which is present in all birth control pills, with two other synthetic hormones launched in the last decade.

The FDA said it has no final conclusion on the drugs' safety but will hold a meeting with scientific advisers on Dec. 8.

Consumer safety advocates have criticized the agency for approving newer, more expensive birth control drugs when cheaper generic drugs with established safety records are widely available.

"At a certain point we have to ask why the FDA continues to approve drugs that are less safe and have no benefit compared to drugs already on the market," said Dr. Diana Zuckerman, president

of the National Center for Women and Families, a consumer group for women's health issues. "With all these different birth control options, why take the most expensive one that can also kill you?"

Recent studies have reached differing conclusions on the risks of newer birth control pills.

A study published this week involving more than 1 million Danish women found that women taking Yaz and other newer medications had twice the risk of blood clots as women taking the older hormone levonorgestrel.

The findings appeared Tuesday in the British Medical Journal.

However, two studies published in 2007, conducted as part of the post-marketing requirements of the FDA or European regulators, did not find any difference in blood clotting between the two comparable groups.

Birth-control pills that contain drospirenone include Bayer's Yaz, Yasmin, Beyaz, Safyral; Sandoz's Syeda and Loryna; as well as Barr Laboratories' Ocella, Watson Pharmaceuticals' Zarah and Teva Pharmaceuticals' Loryna. □



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FCC unveils rules for rural broadband fund

By MARCY GORDON

AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)—Federal regulators have unveiled a plan for overhauling the \$8 billion fund that subsidizes phone service in rural areas and for the poor. It redirects the money toward broadband expansion.

The Federal Communications Commission's plan, adopted Thursday, establishes a new "Connect America Fund" for mobile telephone and broadband in rural communities and needy areas.

The money will continue to come from a surcharge on consumers' and businesses' monthly phone bills. Rates should stay flat or decline for most consumers, FCC officials said.

The size of the fund will be capped at \$4.5 billion annually. To receive money for network expansions into designated areas, telecommunications companies will be required to enter a bidding competition.

The FCC also approved new rules for the complex system that governs how phone companies pay each other for phone calls. The changes represent the Obama administration's most significant overhaul of telecommunications regulations.

The administration has identified universal broadband as critical to driving economic development, producing jobs and expanding the reach of cutting-edge medicine and educational opportunities.

Overhaul of the system has been held up for years by

competing interests.

The new fund will underwrite the cost of building and operating high-speed Internet networks in places that are too sparsely populated to justify costly corporate investments. It will include a \$500 million "mobility fund" earmarked to help build mobile broadband networks in areas where businesses won't invest.

FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski called the action "a momentous step in our efforts to harness the benefits of broadband for every American." It will enhance the U.S. position in a "fiercely competitive" global economy, he said before the 4-0 vote.

The agency estimates that the program will bring high-speed Internet access to about 7 million people living in rural areas over the next six years and will create some 500,000 jobs.

In addition, Genachowski said, changing the system governing how phone companies pay each other for calls will eliminate billions of dollars in "hidden subsidies" in phone bills and put millions back in consumers' pockets.

The current system, virtually everyone in the industry agrees, is outdated and leads to perverse schemes by carriers to stimulate certain kinds of phone traffic.

"I don't expect that overall consumer rates will go up as a result of this" action, Genachowski told reporters after the meeting.

The agency estimates that the curbs on fees the phone companies pay each other

will save consumers \$2.2 billion a year.

That assumes that the companies will pass on a substantial portion of their savings to consumers, FCC staff said.

Some consumers may pay on average an additional 10 to 15 cents a month on their bills, the agency said. No additional charges will be imposed on low-income consumers or anyone whose phone bill is \$30 a month or more.

The Universal Service Fund was created to ensure that all Americans have access to a basic telephone



line. It assumed its current form in 1996, but the idea of it has been around since the early 20th century. The program subsidizes phone service for the poor and pays for Internet access in

schools, libraries and rural health clinics. But more than half the money goes to pay phone companies that provide phone service in rural places where lines are supposedly unprofitable. □

Summary Box:

By The Associated Press

MOVING MONEY AROUND: Federal regulators have unveiled a plan for overhauling the \$8 billion fund that subsidizes phone service in rural areas and for the poor. It redirects the money toward broadband expansion.

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PROJECTIONS: The Federal Communications Commission, which adopted the plan Thursday, estimates that the program will bring high-speed Internet access to about 7 million people living in rural areas over the next six years and will create some 500,000 jobs. □



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European debt deal lifts Dow by almost 340 points

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AP Business Writers

NEW YORK (AP) — An agreement to contain the European debt crisis electrified the stock market Thursday, driving the Dow Jones Industrial average up nearly 340 points and putting the Standard & Poor's 500 index on track for its best month since 1974. Investors were relieved after European leaders crafted a deal to slash Greece's debt load and prevent the crisis there from engulfing larger countries like Italy. The package is aimed at preventing another financial disaster like the one that happened in September 2008 after the collapse of Lehman Brothers.



A woman is reflected on a screen showing a graph of stocks at the Athens Stock Exchange, in Greece on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011. Greek shares rose sharply following a new European debt relief deal, which the embattled Socialist government hailed as a major breakthrough.

(AP Photo/Petros Giannakouris)

nearly double the 1.3 percent growth in the previous quarter. Banks agreed to take 50 percent losses on the Greek bonds they hold. Europe will also strengthen a financial rescue fund to protect the region's banks and other struggling European countries such as Italy and Portugal.

"This seems to set aside the worries that there would be a massive contagion over there that would have brought everything down with it," said Mark Lamkin, head of Lamkin Wealth Management. The Dow Jones industrial average soared 339.51 points, or 2.9 percent, to 12,208.55. That was its largest jump since Aug. 11, when it rose 423.

All 30 stocks in the Dow rose, led by Bank of America Corp. with a 9.6 percent gain. It was the first time the Dow closed above 12,000 since Aug. 1.

Even with Thursday's gains, the Dow remains 4.7 percent below the high for the year it reached April 29. The Dow has fallen every month since then due to a combination of a slowdown in the U.S. economy, a worldwide parts shortage after the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, and concerns about the European debt crisis. □

But some analysts cautioned that Europe's problems remained unsolved.

"The market keeps on thinking that it's put Europe's problems to bed, but it's like putting a three-year old to bed: You might put it there but it won't stay there," said David Kelly, chief market strategist at J.P. Morgan Funds.

Kelly said Europe's debt problems will remain an issue until the economies of struggling nations like Greece and Portugal grow

again.

Commodities and Treasury yields soared as investors took on more risk. The euro rose sharply against the dollar.

Stronger U.S. economic growth and corporate earnings also contributed to the surge. The government reported that the American economy grew at a 2.5 percent annual rate from July through September on stronger consumer spending and business investment. That was

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Treasurys dive on Europe's new crisis plan

DANIEL WAGNER
AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Treasury prices plunged Thursday as a plan to defuse Europe's debt crisis drew traders into riskier investments.

The yield on the 10-year note hit a three-month high, signaling a broad turn away from ultra-safe Treasuries. A weak auction of seven-year Treasury notes confirmed that demand for U.S. government debt was dwindling.

European leaders agreed early Thursday on a plan to expand their regional bailout fund. Banks also agreed to take steep losses on the Greek bonds they hold. The plan postpones fears of a spreading financial crisis and buys the leaders more time to hammer out details.

Stocks rose sharply as Treasuries declined. The Dow Jones industrial average and Standard & Poor's 500 index jumped 2.9 percent and 3.4 percent, respectively. The S&P turned positive for 2011.

The price of the 10-year Treasury note dove \$1.47 for every \$100 invested, pushing its yield up to 2.39 percent at 4:30 p.m. (2030 GMT) from 2.21 percent late Wednesday. It was the highest yield since Aug. 5. The price of the 30-year Treasury bond plunged \$4.13 per \$100 invested. That pushed its yield up sharply, to 3.43 percent from 3.21 late Wednesday. Traders of European government debt appeared less sure that the new plan will work. □

Up in smoke:

Altria to reduce workforce

MICHAEL FELBERBAUM
AP Tobacco Writer

RICHMOND, Virginia (AP) — Marlboro maker Altria Group Inc. said Thursday that it will cut the number of salaried workers at its cigarette business and related service subsidiaries by 15 percent as cigarette sales continue to decline

Higher prices boost Big Oil 3Q profits



Gas prices are displayed at a Mobil station in Quincy, Mass., Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011. Exxon Mobil said Thursday its net income rose 41 percent in the third quarter as higher oil and natural gas prices made up for lower production.

CHRIS KAHN

AP Energy Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Higher oil

prices have masked a slowdown in production among the biggest oil companies. Exxon Mobil, Royal Dutch Shell and BP reported a surge in quarterly profits this week even though they're producing less oil from fields around the world, including a combined 7 percent decline in the third quarter that just ended. Each company has devoted billions of dollars to finding new petroleum deposits, but it could be years, even decades, before those investments translate to more oil

(AP Photo/Steven Senne)

and natural gas.

Experts say smaller companies will need to step up to satisfy growing world demand.

China, India and other developing nations are expected to push the global appetite for oil to a record 90 million barrels per day next year, enough to outstrip supplies. Three years ago, a severe drop in oil supplies helped push oil prices to above \$147 per barrel, leaving airlines and shipping companies with high fuel costs. Gasoline prices soared above a national average \$4 per gallon. □

"We're not at the point where oil prices are going to go bananas" and spike like they did in 2008, said Ken Medlock, an energy expert at Rice University. "But if we saw production declines like this for five or six years, then it's time to worry."

Big Oil's third-quarter financial results highlight a growing problem within the industry. New petroleum sources are increasingly

tough — and expensive — to find. The best new deposits are found more than a mile under the ocean, or in vast layers of sticky Canadian sand, or in the frigid Arctic.

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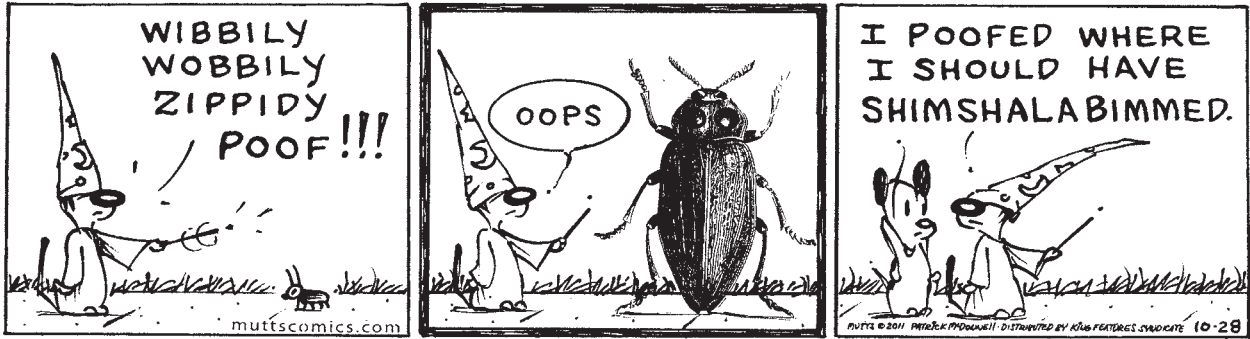
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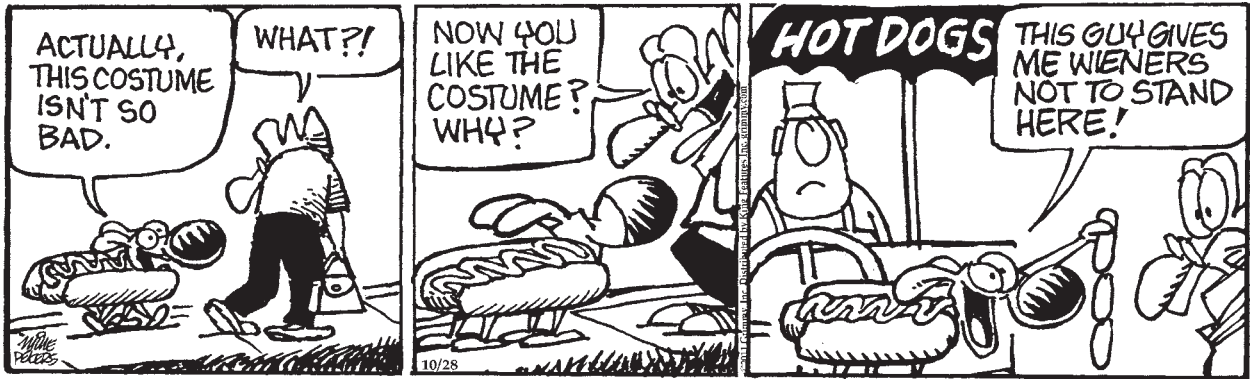
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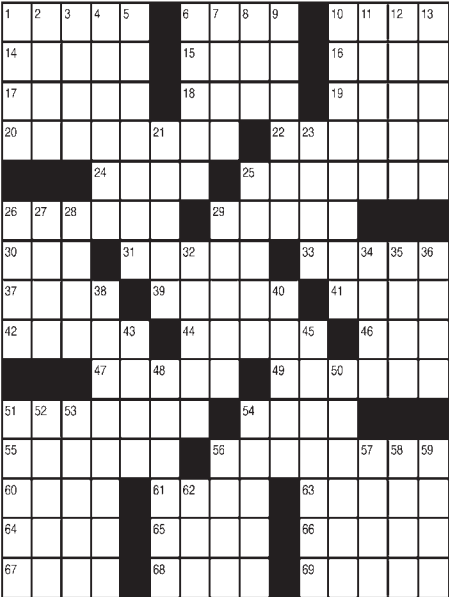
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

5	6	7	9	1	2	8	4	3
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9	8	1	4	6	7	5	3	2
6	1	4	7	3	9	2	5	8
8	7	5	2	4	6	3	9	1
2	3	9	5	8	1	7	6	4

ACROSS

- 1 Mouselike insectivore
- 6 Down the __; at a late date
- 10 Folded over
- 14 Crown
- 15 Not working
- 16 "...lived happily __ after."
- 17 Long-plumed heron
- 18 Mothers of fawns
- 19 Deep wet mud
- 20 At any time
- 22 Develop
- 24 Miner's finds
- 25 Oiled
- 26 Reese or Herman
- 29 Made of a cereal grain
- 30 Find a sum
- 31 Rough __; preliminary version
- 33 Mountaintops
- 37 Near
- 39 Less risky
- 41 Eat
- 42 Take an extra base
- 44 Adjust an alarm
- 46 Actress __ Thompson
- 47 Henry VIII's royal house
- 49 __ hound; long-eared dog
- 51 Char
- 54 Lahr or Parks
- 55 Growth of alga and fungus
- 56 From dusk till dawn
- 60 Poker bet
- 61 Killer whale
- 63 Home of snow
- 64 Forest animal
- 65 Grave
- 66 Small bony fish
- 67 Singer/actor Nelson __
- 68 Peepers
- 69 __ over; delivers



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DOWN

- 1 One-dish meal
- 2 On drugs
- 3 Seldom seen
- 4 Previously, to a poet
- 5 Irrigated
- 6 Carousels and roller coasters
- 7 Stench
- 8 Stein contents
- 9 Sahara or Gobi
- 10 Lamented
- 11 Misfortunes
- 12 Chutzpah
- 13 Cornered
- 21 Swerves
- 23 Biden, for short
- 25 Fence openings
- 26 Skillets
- 27 Correct text
- 28 Margin
- 29 Bid
- 32 Burr or Spelling
- 43 Gospel writer
- 45 Sully
- 48 Signify; mean
- 50 Mark of shame or discredit
- 51 Part of a sword

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

ERIC	GABBY	FATE
DODO	AGREE	ACID
GLEN	UNATTACHED	
YEA	AGES	LEERY
	LACES	JET
SWIPES	JERSEY	
EASES	PLEAT	MOW
ARTS	GREEN	TIKI
LEI	SLOOP	LARGER
SCALED	FAIRLY	
	SEE	MOOLA
SCOPE	LOUS	TIM
LOVEPOTION	NINE	
AMEN	AWARD	ANTS
MARS	FARES	EGOS

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- 40 Refuse to obey
- 43 Gospel writer
- 45 Sully
- 48 Signify; mean
- 50 Mark of shame or discredit
- 51 Part of a sword
- 52 Like school paper
- 53 Performed
- 54 Tattoes
- 56 Pinnacle
- 57 Narrow valley
- 58 __ on to; clutch
- 59 Little children
- 62 Singer Orbison

Today In History

Today is Friday, October 28, the 301st day of 2011. There are 64 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1492 - Christopher Columbus discovers Cuba on his first voyage to New World.
1636 - Harvard College is founded in Massachusetts.
1708 - Sweden's King Charles XII takes Mohilev, Russia, and invades Ukraine.
1922 - Fascism comes to Italy as Benito Mussolini takes control of the government.
1940 - Italy invades Greece during World War II.
1956 - Israeli troops invade Sinai Peninsula, later to be joined by British and French forces, following Egypt's seizure of the Suez Canal from European control.
1977 - U.N. General Assembly censures Israel for establishing settlements in occupied Arab territories, calling action illegal and damaging to peace efforts.
1983 - The U.N. General Assembly approves a resolution calling on Vietnam to withdraw its occupation forces from Cambodia.
1989 - More than 10,000 rally in protest of the government on the 71st anniversary of Czechoslovakia's independence; scores are beaten or detained.
1995 - At least 289 people are killed and hundreds injured in a subway fire in Baku, the Azerbaijani capital.
1997 - Forces loyal to Zambian president Frederick Chiluba quash a coup by disgruntled military officers, arresting nine men including the captain who said an angel told him to overthrow the government.
1998 - Hurricane Mitch pauses over Honduras with 205 kph (120 mph) winds, sweeping away bridges, flooding neighborhoods and killing hundreds of people.
2001 - U.S. President George W. Bush announces creation of a Foreign Terrorist Tracking Task Force to find and deport foreigners who

are in the United States illegally.



Today is Julia Roberts' birthday

2004 - At least two people die and 21 are injured when a bomb explodes in a border town in Thailand's troubled Narathiwat province, where about 100 Muslims earlier gathered for the mass burial of 22 unidentified men killed in military custody after a violent protest.
2005 - Russia issues a scathing response to a U.N. report documenting massive corruption in the oil-for-food program, contending that documents indicting Russian companies are fake.
2006 - An overcrowded bus plunges off a mountain road in western Nepal, leaving at least 42 people

dead and dozens injured.
2007 - First lady Cristina Fernandez claims victory in Argentina's presidential election to become the first woman elected to the post.
2008 - Former political prisoner Mohamed Nasheed defeats President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, Asia's longest-serving ruler, in the Maldives' first democratic presidential election.
2009 - Terrified U.N. workers in Afghanistan scramble over the roof or leap from windows to escape choking smoke and gunfire after being awakened at dawn when Taliban militants wearing police uniforms stormed a residential hotel packed with foreigners.
2010 — Two volcanoes erupt on Russia's far-eastern Kamchatka Peninsula, tossing massive ash clouds miles (kilometers) into the air, forcing flights to divert and blanketing one town with thick, heavy ash.

Today's Birthdays:

Evelyn Waugh, British novelist (1903-1966); Ivan Turgenev, Russian writer (1818-1883); Auguste Escoffier, chef par excellence (1846-1935); Francis Bacon, British painter (1909-1992); Dr. Jonas Salk, U.S. doctor, developer of first polio vaccine (1914-1995); Bill Gates,

U.S. chairman of Microsoft (1955--); Julia Roberts, U.S. actress (1967--); Ben Harper, rock singer (1969--).

Thought for Today:

Life is easier to take than you'd think; all that is necessary is to accept the impossible, do without the indispensable and bear the intolerable — Kathleen Norris, American author (1880-1960). □

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Study: Japan nuke radiation higher than estimated



In this photo taken Friday, Oct. 14, 2011 and released by Tokyo Electric Power Co., a tent to cover Unit 1 reactor building is completed at the crippled Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant in Okuma, Fukushima Prefecture, northeastern Japan.

Associated Press

MALCOLM RITTER

AP Science Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The Fukushima nuclear disaster released twice as much of a dangerous radioactive substance into the atmo-

sphere as Japanese authorities estimated, reaching 40 percent of the total from Chernobyl, a preliminary report says.

The estimate of much higher levels of radioactive

cesium-137 comes from a worldwide network of sensors. Study author Andreas Stohl of the Norwegian Institute for Air Research says the Japanese government estimate came only from data in Japan, and that would have missed emissions blown out to sea.

The study did not consider health implications of the radiation. Cesium-137 is dangerous because it can last for decades in the environment, releasing cancer-causing radiation.

The long-term effects of the nuclear accident are unclear because of the difficulty of measuring radiation amounts people received.

In a telephone interview, Stohl said emission estimates are so imprecise that finding twice the amount of cesium isn't considered a major difference.

He said some previous estimates had been higher than his.

The journal Atmospheric

Chemistry and Physics posted the report online for comment, but the study has not yet completed a formal review by experts in the field or been accepted for publication.

Last summer, the Japanese government estimated that the March 11 Fukushima accident released 15,000 terabecquerels of cesium. Terabecquerels are a radiation measurement. The new report from Stohl and co-authors estimates about 36,000 terabecquerels through April 20.


That's about 42 percent of the estimated release from Chernobyl, the report says. It also says about a fifth of the cesium fell on land in Japan, while most of the rest fell into the Pacific Ocean.

Only about 2 percent of the fallout came down on land outside Japan, the report concluded.

Experts have no firm projections about how many cancers could result be-

cause they're still trying to find out what doses people received. Some radiation from the accident has also been detected in Tokyo and in the United States, but experts say they expect no significant health consequences there.

Still, concern about radiation is strong in Japan. Many parents of small children in Tokyo worry about the discovery of radiation hotspots even though government officials say they don't pose a health risk. And former prime minister Naoto Kan has said the most contaminated areas inside the evacuation zone could be uninhabitable for decades.

Stohl also noted that his study found cesium-137 emissions dropped suddenly at the time workers started spraying water on the spent fuel pool from one of the reactors. That challenges previous thinking that the pool wasn't emitting cesium, he said. 

NASA to launch new Earth-observing satellite

By ALICIA CHANG

AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — After a five-year delay, an Earth-observing satellite will be launched to test new technologies aimed at improving weather forecasts and monitoring climate change.


The \$1.5 billion NASA mission comes in a year of weather extremes from the Midwest tornado outbreak to the Southwest wildfires to hurricane-caused flooding in New England.

"We've already had 10 separate weather events,

each inflicting at least \$1 billion in damages," said Louis Uccellini of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The satellite will lift off before dawn Friday from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., aboard a Delta 2 rocket that will boost it into an orbit some 500 miles high.

The space agency already has a fleet of satellites circling the Earth, taking measurements of the atmosphere, clouds and oceans. But many are aging and need replacement.

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Brian Williams set to debut newsmagazine

By DAVID BAUDER
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Promoting the newsmagazine "Rock Center" in advance of its Halloween-night debut has been something of a challenge for anchor Brian Williams and his NBC News colleagues.

They've talked about the program's pedigreed cast and shown off the rebuilt studio where it will originate, but what they are doing won't fully take shape for outsiders without a sense of the stories they are pursuing. And for competitive reasons, they kept mum until Wednesday, when they lifted the curtain on the opening-night lineup.

"You will very quickly feel a destination when you watch it," Williams promised. "If we've all done our jobs right, this will feel like 'Rock Center' by week two. There will already be a familiarity. Once we do enough pieces, and once we show the audience the work I already know is done, there will be a voice to this broadcast."

Those first-night stories include a Kate Snow investigation into Chinese women who give birth in



In this April 26, 2011 file photo, NBC Nightly News anchor Brian Williams attends the Time 100 Gala in New York. Williams will host the newsmagazine "Rock Center" on Mondays at 10p.m. EST on NBC

Associated Press

the United States so their children will have U.S. citizenship, a Richard Engel report from Syria and a Harry Smith piece on a place in the U.S. where virtually everyone has a job.

Fighting off a cold, Williams sat on a couch on the show's new set in Rockefeller Center. It's his personal kingdom: On one side is the desk and video screens from "Nightly News," which moved this week to the new studio. □



This Dec. 17, 2008 file photo shows Bernard Madoff, chairman of Madoff Investment Securities, returning to his Manhattan apartment after making a court appearance in New York.

NEW YORK (AP) — Disgraced financier Bernie Madoff has told an interviewer he has terrible remorse and horrible nightmares over his epic fraud, but also said he feels happier in prison than he's felt in 20 years.

Barbara Walters told ABC's "Good Morning America" on Thursday that she interviewed Madoff for two hours at the prison in Butner, N.C., where he's serving a 150-year sentence. No cameras were allowed in the prison.

Walters said Madoff told her he thought about suicide before being sent to prison. But since he's been there, he no longer thinks about it.

Madoff: Has remorse, doesn't contemplate suicide

His comments come ahead of his wife's appearance Sunday's edition of CBS' "60 Minutes." Ruth Madoff said in excerpts that they tried to kill themselves after he admitted stealing billions of dollars in the largest Ponzi scheme in history. Walters quoted Madoff as saying: "I feel safer here (in prison) than outside. I have people to talk to, no decisions to make. I know I will die in prison. I lived the last 20 years of my life in fear. Now, I have no fear because I'm no longer in control." She also said he told her he understands why his one-time clients hate him, and that the average person thinks he "robbed widows and orphans." But he also told her, "I made wealthy people wealthier." Ruth Madoff's appearance on "60 Minutes" will be her first interview since her husband's December 2008 arrest. She says they had been receiving hate mail and "terrible phone calls" and were distraught. "I don't know whose idea it was, but we decided to kill ourselves because it was so horrendous what was happening," she says in the

interview, according to excerpts released by CBS.

She says it was Christmas Eve, which added to their depression, and she decided: "I just can't go on anymore."

She says the couple took "a bunch of pills" including the insomnia prescription medication Ambien, but they both woke up the next day. She says the decision was "very impulsive" and she's glad they didn't die. The couple's son Andrew Madoff also will talk about his experience.

Another son, Mark Madoff, hanged himself by a dog leash last year on the anniversary of his father's arrest. Like his parents, he had swallowed a batch of sleeping pills in a failed suicide attempt 14 months earlier, according to his widow's new book, "The End of Normal: A Wife's Anguish, A Widow's New Life." Bernie Madoff was arrested on Dec. 11, 2008, the morning after his sons notified authorities through an attorney that he had confessed to them that his investment business was a multibillion-dollar Ponzi scheme. □

Lindsay Lohan's father arrested again

TAMPA, Florida (AP) — The estranged father of actress Lindsay Lohan will be held in a Tampa hospital overnight for observation, hours after his second domestic violence-related arrest this week.

Michael Lohan has been admitted to Tampa General Hospital for observation, police said, following a jump from a third-floor balcony in an attempt to escape from authorities early Thursday morning. Lohan "apparently leaped up from his balcony and grabbed ahold of the roof (about 30 feet (10 meters)) until he thought he was hanging over the top of the next balcony," according to a report by Tampa Police officer J. Ladd, who responded to the call. The

report said Lohan let go but missed the balcony, then came "crashing down on top of wooden high chairs that were laying on the ground."

After a short chase, officers arrested Lohan.

This was the second encounter with Florida officers this week. On Tuesday, the 51-year-old Lohan was arrested on domestic violence charges involving Kate Major, his 28-year-old girlfriend who is also a former reporter for the Star tabloid.

Police say he grabbed Major and pushed her down multiple times at her Tampa apartment during a daylong argument.

A Tampa judge released Lohan on \$5,000 bail Wednesday morning and

told Lohan that he should not have any contact with Major at all.

"If you even dream about her and you violate my order, you will go to jail," Judge Walter Heinrich said, noting that Major had filed a restraining order against Lohan.

When Lohan was released from jail Wednesday evening, he held an impromptu news conference in the jail parking lot. There, Lohan said he "didn't do anything" and the charges were Major's way of making money by selling her story to media outlets.

According to a police report, Wednesday night's contact began a few hours later. Lohan sent his friend and trainer David Dominique to Major's apartment



Michael Lohan, father of actress Lindsay Lohan, gestures as he speaks to the media after being released from the Hillsborough County Jail Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011, Tampa, Fla.

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to pick up his personal belongings, police said. A report said Lohan initially called Major to speak with Dominique, and Major told him that he wasn't supposed to call.

After Dominique left, Lohan called back seeking to work things out with Major.

"He sounds extremely intoxicated," Major told the emergency services dispatcher.

"He sounded very out of it. And I found out he was doing steroids," she said, adding that Lohan asked for a bag he hid in the bathroom. □

No filter required for Rosie O'Donnell's new show

NICOLE EVATT

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Rosie O'Donnell isn't shying away from controversy on her new Oprah Winfrey Network talk show.

Since the variety program's premiere on Oct. 10, O'Donnell has tackled topics from her renewed, menopausal sex drive to police action at the Occupy Wall Street protests.

"I'm going to talk about things that matter as well as entertaining fun things. But we're not going to leave stuff out. We're going to talk about what's current — what's happening and what people are talking about in real life,"

O'Donnell said in an interview with The Associated Press on Thursday.

O'Donnell's outspokenness about the Iraq War led to her abrupt exit on "The View," and her direct attitude may have landed her a few high-profile enemies, but the comedian's new boss embraces her lack of filter. "Oprah is so supportive," said O'Donnell, 49. "She said, 'Trust your instincts, go with your gut, you know what to do, trust yourself.' And that's what I've been doing."

"The Rosie Show," includes celebrity interviews, stand-up comedy, musical acts, games and reality TV. It has received mixed reviews



This Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011 file photo shows Rosie O'Donnell as she talks to the audience during a taping of her show in Chicago.

Associated Press and unimpressive ratings. But O'Donnell remains optimistic.

"We're going slow and steady," she said. "It's a marathon, not a sprint. And it's Oprah Winfrey, so I would not bet against her. That's for sure." □



In this CD cover image released by Capitol Records, the latest release by Coldplay, "Mylo Xyloto" is shown.

Associated Press

Coldplay keeps 'Mylo Xyloto' off streaming plans

RYAN NAKASHIMA

AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — British band Coldplay is withholding its latest album, "Mylo Xyloto," from all-you-can-listen streaming services such as Spotify and Rhapsody. It's the biggest band yet to express reservations about a system that pays artists a fraction of a penny per song play.

The decision is a blow to the \$10-a-month services, which have millions of tracks but rely on new albums to keep listeners interested. Coldplay's recording company, EMI, said in a statement "We always work with our artists and their management on a case by case basis to deliver the best outcome for each release." □

Sheen's new sitcom airing on FX

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Charlie Sheen is coming back to TV in a new sitcom. The FX channel says it has acquired the series "Anger Management," based on the 2003 Adam Sandler-Jack Nicholson movie. The show will air in summer 2012. Sheen was fired last March from CBS' "Two and a Half Men" after clashing with the show's producers, and Ashton Kutcher re-



placed him. FX said Thursday it has ordered 10 episodes of "Anger Management" and production will begin in early 2012. Writer-producer Bruce Helford will be in charge. He's a TV veteran whose credits include "The Drew Carey Show." FX says Sheen will have a "significant ownership stake" in the series. He'll play a therapist in need of counseling. □

Herbie Hancock's new video a group effort



In a Friday, July 22, 2011 file photo, Herbie Hancock, delivers a speech during the ceremony for his new role as a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador, at the UNESCO headquarter, in Paris.

Associated Press

CHARLES J. GANS

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Herbie Hancock was a music video trailblazer: In 1984, he was awarded five trophies at the first MTV Video Music Awards for his "Rockit"

video, which featured robot-like sculptures moving in sync with the song's turntable scratching. Now more than 25 years later, he is experimenting with a new technique for making a music video. On Wednes-

day night, cameras were handed out to 25 photographers, professionals and hobbyists alike, who shot continuously as Hancock performed his funky "Chameleon" on the keytar, a synthesizer keyboard that he straps over his shoulder like a guitar. "We're doing something really special," said Hancock in an interview before performing a brief set with his quartet for invited guests. "What they're going to do is make a flip book (of photographs) that's going to sync to the music." "It's like the audience is going to make the music video. That's why it's crowd-sourced." The 71-year-old Hancock made the video, due to be released in early December as part of a Canon promotional cam-

paign, during a break from his first U.S. solo tour without any other musicians accompanying him on stage. Hancock did a brief European tour in the 1980s playing solo acoustic piano, but this time he is reinventing the solo concept with all kinds of high-tech gadgetry.

"I'm able to have both the acoustic piano and a synthesizer and my iMac computer," said Hancock, who studied electrical engineering in college. "I'm actually using some devices that right now are really on the cutting edge. I have a controller board with buttons, knobs, faders and sliders in order to manipulate some sound clips."

"It's been working out really well because it has freed me up to be my own

drummer and bass player. ... I'm not bound by keeping a particular rhythm or a particular time sequence," he said.

"I have the capability of being much more cinematic with a live performance."

Hancock is closing out his late year tour next month with three concerts in Calgary, Alberta; Portland, Oregon, and Seattle, Washington, at which he will be performing "Rhapsody In Blue" on acoustic piano with a symphony orchestra. The inspiration came after he performed a portion of the George Gershwin masterpiece with classical pianist Lang Lang at the 2008 Grammy Awards, where he also surprisingly won album of the year honors for "River: The Joni Letters." □

Limits of magical thinking



MAUREEN DOWD

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Steve Jobs, the mad perfectionist, even perfected his stare.

He wanted it to be hypnotic. He wanted the other person to blink first. He wanted it to be, like Dracula's saturnine gaze, a force that could bend your will to his and subsume your reality in his.

There's an arresting picture of Jobs staring out, challenging us to blink, on the cover of Walter Isaacson's new biography "Steve Jobs." The writer begins the book by comparing the moody lord of Silicon Valley to Shakespeare's Henry V – a "callous but sentimental, inspiring but flawed king." Certainly, Jobs created what Shakespeare called "the brightest heaven of invention." But his life sounded like the darkest hell of volatility.

An Apple CEO who jousts with Jobs wondered if he had a mild bipolarity.

"Sometimes he would be ecstatic, at other times he was depressed," Isaacson writes. There were Rasputin-like seductions followed by raging tirades. Everyone was either a hero or bozo. As Jobs' famous ad campaign for Apple said, "Here's to the crazy ones. ... They push the human race forward." The *monstre sacre* fancied himself an "enlightened being," but he was capable of frightening coldness, even with his oldest collaborators and family. Yet he often sobbed uncontrollably.

Isaacson told me that Jobs yearned to be a saint; but one of the colleagues he ousted from Apple mordantly noted that the petulant and aesthetic Jobs would have made an excellent King of France.

His extremes left everyone around him with vertigo.

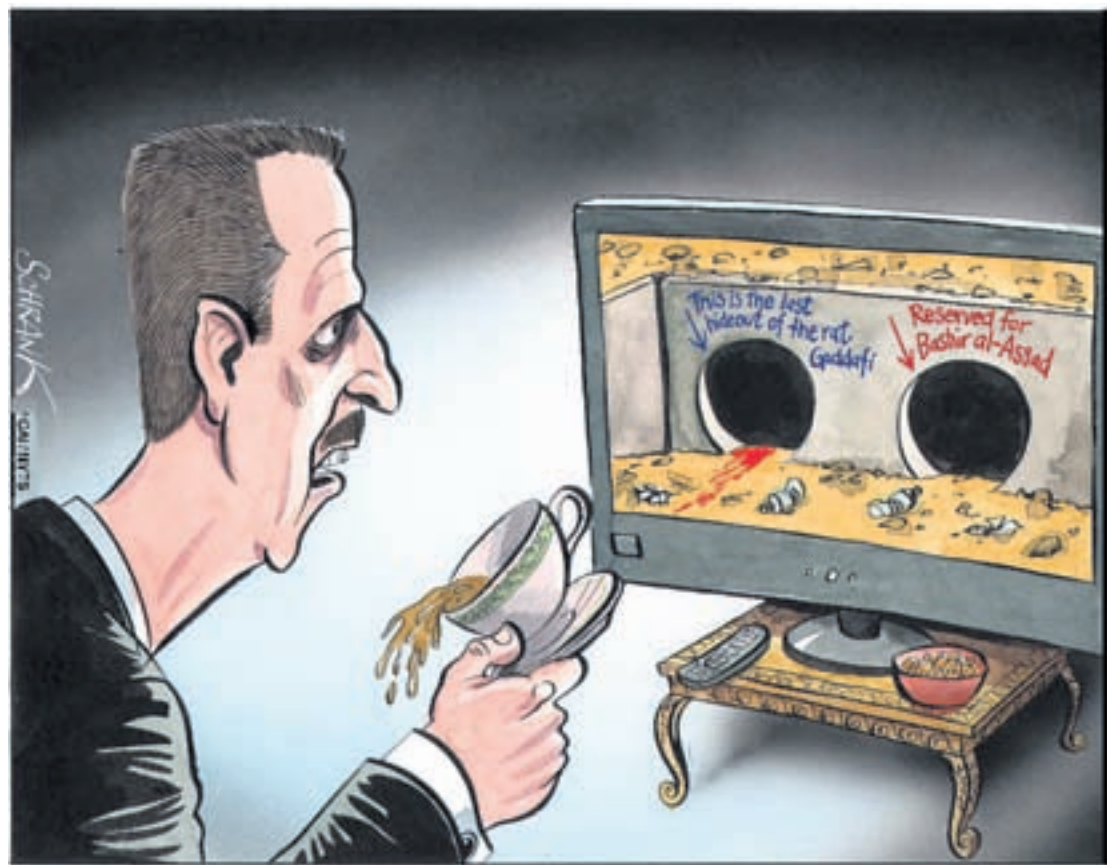
He embraced Zen minimalism and anti-materialism. First, he lived in an unfurnished mansion, then a house so modest that Bill Gates, on a visit, was astonished that the whole Jobs family could fit in it. And Jobs scorned security, often leaving his back door unlocked. Yet his genius was designing alluring products that would create a country of technology addicts. He demanded laser-like focus from

employees to create an ADD world.

He was abandoned by parents who conceived him out of wedlock at 23, and he then abandoned a daughter for many years that he conceived out of wedlock at 23. Chrisann Brennan, the mother of Jobs' oldest child, Lisa, told Isaacson that being put up for adoption left Jobs "full of broken glass." He very belatedly acknowledged Lisa and their relationship was built, Isaacson says, on "layers of resentment." He could be hard on women. Two exes scrawled mean messages on his walls. As soon as he learned that his beautiful, willowy blond girlfriend Laurene Powell was pregnant in 1991, he began musing that he might still be in love with the previous beautiful, willowy, blond girlfriend Tina Redse. "He surprised a wide swath of friends and even acquaintances by asking them what he should do," Isaacson writes. "'Who was prettier,' he would ask, 'Tina or Laurene?'" And "who should he marry?" Isaacson also notes that Jobs could be distant at times with the two daughters he had with Laurene (though not the son). When one daughter dreamed of going to the Oscars with him, he blew her off.

Andy Hertzfeld, a friend and former Apple engineer, lent Lisa \$20,000 when she thought her father was not going to pay her Harvard tuition. Jobs paid it back to his friend, but Lisa did not invite him to her Harvard graduation. "The key question about Steve is why he can't control himself at times from being so reflexively cruel and harmful to some people," Hertzfeld said. "That goes back to being abandoned at birth." He almost always wore black turtlenecks and jeans. (Early on, he even scorned deodorant and went barefoot and had a disturbing habit of soaking his feet in the office toilet.)

Yet he sometimes tried to ply his exquisite taste to remake the women in his life. When he was dating the much older Joan Baez – enthralled by her relationship with his idol, Bob Dylan – he drove her to a Ralph Lauren store in the Stanford mall to show her a red dress that would be "perfect" for her. But one of the world's richest men merely showed her the dress, even after she told him she "couldn't really afford it," while he bought shirts. When he met his sister, Mona Simpson, a struggling novelist, as an adult, he berated her for not wearing clothes that were "fetching enough" and then sent her a box of Issey Miyake pantsuits "in flattering colors," she said. □



Crony capitalism comes home



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Whenever I write about Occupy Wall Street, some readers ask me if the protesters really are half-naked Communists aiming to bring down the U.S. economic system when they're not doing drugs or having sex in public.

The answer is no. That alarmist view of the movement is a credit to the (prurient) imagination of its critics, and voyeurs of Occupy Wall Street will be disappointed. More important, while alarmists seem to think that the movement is a "mob" trying to overthrow capitalism, one can make a case that, on the contrary, it highlights the need to restore basic capitalist principles like accountability.

To put it another way, this is a chance to save capitalism from crony capitalists.

I'm as passionate a believer in capitalism as anyone. My Krzysztofowicz cousins (who didn't shorten the family name) lived in Poland, and their experience with Communism taught me that the way to raise living standards is capitalism.

But, in recent years, some financiers have chosen to live in a government-backed featherbed. Their platform seems to be socialism for tycoons and

capitalism for the rest of us. They're not evil at all. But when the system allows you more than your fair share, it's human to grab. That explains featherbedding by both unions and tycoons, and both are impediments to a well-functioning market economy.

When I lived in Asia and covered the financial crisis there in the late 1990s, U.S. government officials spoke scathingly about "crony capitalism" in the region. As Lawrence Summers, then a deputy Treasury secretary, put it in a speech in August 1998: "In Asia, the problems related to 'crony capitalism' are at the heart of this crisis, and that is why structural reforms must be a major part" of the International Monetary Fund's solution.

The U.S. critique of the Asian crisis was correct. The countries involved were nominally capitalist but needed major reforms to create accountability and competitive markets.

Something similar is true today of the United States.

So I'd like to invite the finance ministers of Thailand, South Korea and Indonesia – whom I and other Americans deemed emblems of crony capitalism in the 1990s – to stand up and denounce American crony capitalism today.

Capitalism is so successful an economic system partly because of an internal discipline that allows for loss and even bankruptcy. It's the possibility of failure that creates the opportunity for triumph. Yet many of America's major banks are too big to fail, so they can privatize profits while socializing risk.

The upshot is that financial institutions boost leverage in search of supersize profits and bonuses. Banks pretend that risk is eliminated because it's securitized. Rating agencies accept money to issue an imprimatur that turns out to be meaningless. The system teeters, and then the taxpayer rushes in to bail bankers out. Where's the accountability?

It's not just rabble-rousers at Occupy Wall Street who are seeking to put America's capitalists on a more capitalist footing. "Structural change is necessary," Paul Volcker, the former chairman of the Federal Reserve, said in an important speech last month that discussed many of these themes. He called for more curbs on big banks, possibly including trimming their size, and he warned that otherwise we're on a path of "increasingly frequent, complex and dangerous financial breakdowns."

Likewise, Mohamed El-Erian, another pillar of the financial world who is the CEO of Pimco, one of the world's largest money managers, is sympathetic to aspects of the Occupy movement. He told me that the economic system needs to move toward "inclusive capitalism" and embrace broad-based job creation while curbing excessive inequality.

"You cannot be a good house in a rapidly deteriorating neighborhood," he told me. "The credibility and the fair functioning of the neighborhood matter a great deal. Without that, the integrity of the capitalist system will weaken further." □

Short and sweet:

Cupcakes and cannoli small enough to satisfy

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NEW YORK — The unshaven guy working the mini-cannoli booth in Madison Square Park glanced from side to side, making sure the vendors next door were busy with their samosas and shaved ice.

Stuart Dahan was ready to talk about cannoli 3.0. His daughter, Brielle, and her fiancé, Anthony Fontana, already make 3-inch-long mini cannoli, hand-rolled with flavors like cake batter and Kahlua. But in New York's competitive treats market, they just may be too big.

"The minis are cute," Dahan confided. "But the micros are going to be a powerhouse."

Micros from Stuffed Artisan Cannoli, just 1 1/2 inches long, are the latest benchmark for miniature sweets. Mini popsicles, tiny macarons, bite-size ice-cream sandwiches and baby caramel apples are popping up around New York. Mini cupcakes are the new, post-Magnolia standard at bakeries like Sugar Sweet Sunshine and Spot Dessert Bar, and even nationwide at Starbucks, which began selling a line of "petite" desserts in March. Small sweets have swamped the mass market, too. The 100-calorie treat has become standard for baking giants like General Mills and Nabisco: Mini muffins and two-bite croissants get prime supermarket real estate. A line of gadgets for home bakers, Babycakes, has sold more than 1 million machines, according to the company. The Babycakes machines are modeled on waffle irons, with the cooking surfaces tweaked to produce doughnuts, cupcakes and even double-crust fruit pies in mini form. Baskin-Robbins experimented with mini ice-cream cones the size of a toddler's pacifier this summer; they are now available in every store.

All of which raises a small, but nonetheless urgent question: Why do we find tiny-size sweets enchant-



A group of micro cannoli from Stuffed Artisan Cannoli, only about 2 inches long, in New York. Small treats like cupcakes and cannoli, though they may not be completely satisfying, are a popular desert for many that love little snacks.

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A group of miniature cupcakes, only about one inch tall, from Baked by Melissa, a desert company that specializes in small treats, in New York.

(Tony Cenicola/The New York Times)

ing, if they are inherently less satisfying? Or to frame the problem another way: Everybody knows that "fun size" candy bars are a trick-or-treating staple, but nobody has ever explained what's fun about them. Some of the answers have to do with today's atmosphere of carbophobia and cautious spending. Last week, Baked by Melissa, an enterprise dedicated to bite-size cupcakes that weigh less than an ounce and cost \$1 each, opened its fifth Manhattan location in three years. At the chain's new store on the Upper West Side, regulars said that they saved cash and calories by going smaller.

"I don't want to spend all my money on one cupcake," said Rebecca Rosenthal, 11. Rebecca, who was clutching three singles, was referring to the oversize specimens at Crumbs, a nearby competitor, where a standard cupcake weighs about five ounces and costs \$3.75. "A big sweet thing looks gross to me now," said Rebecca's mother, Nina, who favors Skinny Cow brand mini-fudge pops from the supermarket freezer case. But the psychology of desserts fit for a dollhouse goes deeper than that. Just ask Brian Wansink, a Cornell professor and the author of "Mindless Eating," whose

research into consumption, satiation and human behavior has contributed to the trend toward eating smaller quantities of more alluring foods. Wansink directs the Cornell Food and Brand Lab, and his studies into consumer choices have become influential in food marketing, packaging and education. Most people, he said, will be more satisfied by eating a 50-calorie cupcake than a dozen carrot sticks with just as many calories, because the sense of deprivation is less and the craving for "bad" food is calmed, if not entirely extinguished. "Smaller treats give people license to eat it all, which is a very powerful thing," he said. "Psychologically, it's exciting and comforting." But, he warned, his research also indicates that when eating small foods, people are much more likely to lose track of quantities. "Nobody forgets how many tacos or pieces of pizza they've eaten," he said, "but people are terrible at estimating how many chicken wings they've had." Chicken wings might be small, but they aren't as irresistible as mini-cupcakes. A pork-belly slider or a taquito can also make a snack, but face it: Savory just isn't as

cute as sweet, like a mini-doughnut with microscopic sprinkles, or a rainbow of mini popsicles, as sold at Popbar in Manhattan.

Ingrid Fetell, a design writer, focuses on "the aesthetics of joy," studying why certain things (like small things and sweet things) evoke near-universal delight. "An extreme scale shift, making things very big or very small, forces us to reconsider our own scale," she said. "That's the Alice in Wonderland effect." She cited the giant outdoor ice cream cone and chocolate "Floor Cake" created by the Pop Art sculptor Claes Oldenburg in the 1960s as examples at the other end of the size spectrum. Universally, small things evoke childhood and imply abundance: The sight of six tiny chocolate bars makes us happier than one giant chocolate bar, she said, simply because there are more of them.

Stephanie Kilgast, an artist in Paris, specializes in minuscule versions of desserts: perfect French macarons, no bigger than a blueberry, neatly packed into a gift box the size of a matchbook; elaborately frosted three-layer cakes as wide as a nickel; gingerbread men small enough to be worn as post earrings. Through custom orders from collectors of miniatures and dollhouse aficionados, she manages to earn a living from miniature sweets, crafting incredibly detailed fruit tarts and plates of pains au chocolat. (They are all made of polymers and not edible.) "Mini sweets are just cute, like kittens or baby animals," she said. "And I think people are amazed by what miniaturists can do."

Mini sweets are usually colorful, another factor that Fetell said was associated in our lizard brains with pleasure. "Sweet things in the wild tend to have colors that are bright, like a deep red or yellow," she said, "That's why the language of confectionery is really amped up and saturated." □